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Identical letters dated 14 October 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information:

The Russian Federation has taken a number of measures in response to a request from the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Government of the Russian Federation to cooperate in countering terrorism and to provide military support for the counter-terrorism efforts of the Syrian Government and the Syrian Arab Army. Those measures include providing air support for ground operations conducted by the Syrian Arab Army in its war against Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the Nusrah Front and other terrorist organizations. The Russian Federation is also striking the bases, camps, munitions depots and command posts of armed terrorist groups that are in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

This support, which is being provided in response to a request from the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, is fully consistent with international law, the Charter of the United Nations, international counter-terrorism instruments and Security Council resolutions 2170 (2014), 2178 (2014) and 2199 (2015), all of which reaffirm the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Syrian Arab Republic has repeatedly called on the international community to cooperate and coordinate with it fully and closely, whether in a multilateral or bilateral context, but those calls have fallen on deaf ears. Instead, some States have perverted the substance of Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations in order to violate the sovereignty of Syria.

The Syrian Arab Republic expresses its profound gratitude to the Russian leadership, people and army for their efforts to counter terrorism in accordance with international legality, international law and the Charter of the United Nations. It also stresses that the actions of the Russian Federation should be emulated by other

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States and that the efforts of Russia to counter the terrorism perpetrated by ISIL, the Nusrah Front and other terrorist organizations associated with Al-Qaida will bring about conditions that are conducive to the success of the political process in Syria.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 108, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
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